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SUBJECT: INDO-PAK AGREEMENT: REPATRIATION ASSISTANCE

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1. CHARGE CALLED ON FAKHRUDDIN AHMED, ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER SEPTEMBER 8 TO PASS CONFIRMATION OF USG READINESS TO ASSIST IN REPATRIATION. AHMED EXPRESSED "GRATIFICATION" AND INFORMED CHARGE HE WOULD CABLE MESSAGE TO THE PRIME MINISTER IN ALGIERS.

2. ACCORDING TO AHMED BDG ALSO PREFERS THAT AN INTERNATIONAL AGENCY COORDINATE INDIVIDUAL DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS. MUJIB INTENDED TO MAKE THIS POINT AT HIS PLANNED MEETING WITH WALDHEIM IN ALGIERS.

3. CONCERNING THE PRINCIPLE OF SIMULTANEITY MENTIONED IN THE INDO-PAK AGREEMENT, THE ACTING

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FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THE PRINCIPLE APPLIED ONLY TO

THE EXCHANGE OF POWS AND BENGALIEES. IN OTHER WORDS
THE LAST POWS WOULD CROSS THE FRONTIER AT APPROXIMATELY
THE SAME TIME AS FINAL BATCH OF BENGALIEES LEAVE FOR
BANGLADESH.

4. THE RETURN OF NON-BENGALIEES TO PAKISTAN IS
NOT COVERED UNDER THE SIMULTANEITY PRINCIPLE SINCE
THE NUMBERS TO BE REPATRIATED HAVE NOT BEEN DEFINED.
AHMED MENTIONED HE EXPECTED THE SWISS GOVERNMENT TO PLAY
A ROLE IN THE TIMING OF TRANSFERS BUT DID NOT SAY IF
THE SWISS HAD ACCEPTED THIS POTENTIALLY DIFFICULT
MISSION.
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